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SUBJECT: PROMINENT BLOGGER APPEALING POLITICALLY MOTIVATED PRISON

SENTENCE REF: CAIRO 99; 09 CAIRO 1447; 09 CAIRO 1263 CLASSIFIED BY: Matthew H. Tueller, Deputy Chief of Mission; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

- 1.KEY POINTS -- (U) On January 20, a Cairo court upheld a previous decision sentencing prominent blogger Wael Abbas to six months in prison for
- 2.(C) Comment: We believe a USG statement before February 18 could be counterproductive, causing the GOE to encourage the judge to uphold the s
- 3.(C) On January 20, a Cairo court upheld a previous "in absentia" decision sentencing prominent blogger Wael Abbas to six months in prison for
- 4.(C) Abbas is currently free on LE 500 (80 USD) bail, pending his appeal of the case. XXXXXXXXXXXX told us January 28 that the case against Ab
- 5.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX said the appeals court judge will probably issue a CAIRO 00000135 002 OF 002 ruling during a scheduled February 18 court ses
- 6.(C) On January 27, we demarched MFA Deputy Director for Human Rights Omar Shalaby on the case, noting our concern over the appearance of GOE